

RECEIVED  
CENTRAL FAX CENTER

MAR 13 2006

FERENCE & ASSOCIATES  
Request for Continued ExaminationAtty. Docket No. YOR20000388US1  
(590.022)

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Padmanabhan et al.  
Serial No. : 09/699,894 Examiner : Pierre, Myriam  
Filed : October 30, 2000 Group Art Unit : 2654  
For : MINIMUM BAYES ERROR FEATURE SELECTION IN SPEECH  
RECOGNITION

HON. COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in the above-identified application.

1.

**Extension of Time**

- ☒ No extension of time is needed.
- ☐ Applicant requests an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action. A Petition for an extension of time is enclosed.
- ☒ In the event that an extension of time is required, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION

I hereby certify that this paper (along with any referred to as being attached or enclosed) are being facsimile transmitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Fax No. ~~(571) 273-8300~~ on March 13, 2006.

Stanley D. FERENCE III

(Type or print name of person mailing paper or fee)

  
(Signature of person mailing paper or fee)

03/15/2006 EFL0RES 00000012 500510 09699894

01 FC:1801 790.00 DA

Page 1 of 2

RECEIVED  
CENTRAL FAX CENTERFERENCE & ASSOCIATES  
Request for Continued Examination

MAR 13 2006

Atty. Docket No. YOR20000388US1  
(590.022)2 **Submission Required Under 37 CFR 1.114**

- ☐ Previously submitted  
☐ Please enter the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_.  
☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_.  
☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☒ Enclosed  
☒ Amendment/Reply  
☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)  
☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)  
☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_.

3. **Miscellaneous**

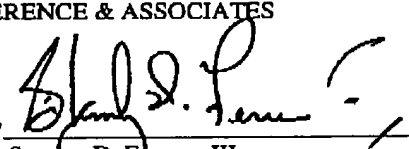
- ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months.
- ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_.

4. **Fees**

- ☐ Applicant encloses herewith a check for \$\_\_\_\_\_ to cover the RCE fee.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the ~~\$792.00~~ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) to **IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 50-0510**.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to **IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 50-0510**. A duplicate copy of this communication is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

FERENCE &amp; ASSOCIATES

By   
Stanley D. Ference III  
Reg. No. 35,879Dated: March 13, 2006

Mailing Address:

Customer No. 35195  
FERENCE & ASSOCIATES  
409 Broad Street  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15143  
(412) 741-8400  
(412) 741-9292 - Facsimile

Page 2 of 2